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Mine Rite Coal Company Receives Award for Mine Reclamation from Department for Natural Resources

Annual award recognizes outstanding reclamation efforts

Frankfort, Ky. (Oct. 28, 2013) – The Department for Natural Resources presented a 2013 Commissioner's Award of Excellence in Reclamation to Mine Rite Coal Company, Inc. for its reclamation work on permit No. 888-0091. This operation is a 74-acre surface contour and auger mining operation located west of Elna at the border of Morgan and Johnson counties.

In accordance with the property owner's wishes, the company reclaimed the site to a land use of hay land and pasture that provides for a surface configuration that will facilitate the use of farm equipment. This also provides the property owners with various future development options, as well as increasing the value of the land for future generations. One property owner has already set up bee hives for the production of honey.

The site was nominated by Division of Mine Reclamation and Enforcement (DMRE) Prestonsburg Regional Office inspection personnel and selected by the Department because of the company's outstanding reclamation work and its commitment to a healthy environment. The DMRE inspection staff assigned to this site over the years has included William Walter, Jesse Lacy, Sherry Collins, Crystal Byrd, Jeremy Blackburn, Eric Allen, Keith Humble, and Greg Weddington.

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